GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3134
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Widening of Roads in Northern India
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the States of Northern India in which road construction work and the work of widening the roads were done/are being done during the last three years and the current year along with the district-wise details thereof;

(b) whether the proposed road projects are being completed within the scheduled timeframe;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has made any plan to ensure the completion of road projects within the scheduled timeframe; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) Three hundred ninety seven projects amounting to Rs. 129704 Crore having length 14974 km are ongoing on the National Highways in the States/UTs of Jammu & Kashmir, Haryana, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chandigarh and Delhi connecting districts and major cities.

(b) to (e) There have been delays in some of these projects mainly due to problems in land acquisition, utility shifting, non-availability of Soil/Aggregates, Poor performance of contractors, Environment/ Forest/Wildlife Clearance, ROB & RUB issue with Railways, Public agitation for additional facilities, Arbitration/contractual disputes with contractors etc. In this regard, regular meetings are held with project developers, State Governments and contractors in Head Quarter as well as in Regional Office. To expedite completion of these projects various steps are also taken which include streamlining of land acquisition & environment clearances, exit for equity investors, premium re-schedulement, close coordination with other Ministries, revamping of dispute resolution mechanism, frequent reviews at various levels etc.

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